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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDES ON FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL

REFERENCE: (A) BONN 6969; (B) STATE 99340; (C) BONN 7323

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1. BECAUSE INTERAGENCY CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL AID FUND, CITED IN REF. B, IS UNLIKELY TO
RESULT IN SUFFICIENTLY FIRM USG POSITION BY THE TIME OF THE
MAY 2 BRUSSELS MEETING, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SEND
SOMEONE TO BONN FOR THE PRIOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH
COMMISSIONER RUTH (REQUESTED REF A). WE WOULD WELCOME ANY
OPPORTUNITY THAT MIGHT ARISE AT THE MAY 2-3 BRUSSELS

MEETING FOR A DISCUSSION WITH RUTH AS HE SUGGESTS (REF. C)
MOREOVER, IF RUTH DECIDES HE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO
WASHINGTON, WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
ARMS CONTROL TOPICS IN GENERAL, INCLUDING NON-SSOD TOPICS
MENTIONED IN PARA 12, REF. A.

2. WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN FURTHER THINKING ON THE GERMAN
POSITION REGARDING FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS,
PARTICULARLY THE INTERNATIONAL AID FUND, AND THE POSSIBLE
GERMAN INITIATIVE INVOLVING A RELATIONSHIP IN PRINCIPLE
BETWEEN MILITARY SPENDING AND AID. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE
EARLY NOTICE OF ANY EMERGING EUROPEAN CONSENSUS.

3. FYI: KINDS OF QUESTIONS WE ARE ADDRESSING HERE
INCLUDE:

-- HOW WOULD MILITARY EXPENDITURES BE DETERMINED IN
COMPARABLE TERMS?

-- WHAT ORDER OF MAGNITUDE IS ENVISIONED FOR CONTRI-
BUTIONS ?

-- WOULD FUNDS BE EARMARKED OR CONDITIONS ATTACHED
ON THEIR USE?

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4. AS OUR OWN POSITION ON THE LATTER IDEAS EVOLVE, THEY
WILL BE PASSED ON TO RUTH. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD
INFORM HIM OF THE ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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